

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-8. (canceled)

9. (currently Amended) A cosmetic comprising in admixture:

a protease which is extracted from fruit bodies or mycelia of basidiomycete and which has decomposing-cell activity, said protease being present in said cosmetic in an amount of ~~0.1 to 5%~~ 0.1-5% by weight; and

a culture supernatant of lactic acid bacteria, said culture supernatant being present in said cosmetic in an amount of 10-50 % by weight, and being obtained after removing bacterial cells from a culture filtrate of lactic acid bacteria obtained by culturing the lactic acid bacteria.

10. (previously presented) The cosmetic according to claim 9, wherein said basidiomycete comprises *Agaricus blazei* Murill or *Phellinus linteus*.

11. (previously presented) The cosmetic according to claim 9, wherein said culture supernatant includes an agent

for stabilizing living cells with adjustment of cytolysis
action of the cells by said protease.

12. (previously presented) The cosmetic according
to claim 9, wherein said protease is present in said cosmetic
in an amount of 0.1-4% by weight, and said culture supernatant
of lactic acid bacteria is present in said cosmetic in amount
of 10-25% by weight.